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Lawrence Culver’s areas of research and teaching include the cultural, environmental, and urban history of the USA. He received his PhD at UCLA in 2004. His dissertation received the 2005 Rachel Carson Prize for best dissertation from the American Society for Environmental History. His first book, based on that dissertation, is *The Frontier of Leisure: Southern California and the Shaping of Modern America*, published in September 2010 by Oxford University Press. At the Carson Center, Culver worked on his new book project, *Manifest Disaster: Climate and the Making of America*, which explores the role of climate and debates about climate in the history of the US and North America.



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